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17. WEHBY, SALOIE. DESPITE BEST EFFORTS EMBASSY STILL UNABLE CONTACT WEHBY AS WEHBYS TELEPHONE REMAINS OUT OF ORDER AND SUBJECT LIVES IN BEKAA VALLEY TO WHICH EMBASSY EMPLOYEES CANNOT CURRENTLY TRAVEL.

18. NOUMAIR, ANN. SAME AS ABOVE, ZAHLE IS IN BEKAA AND TELEPHONES REMAIN OUT OF ORDER.

3. AWWAD, CHRSTIAN. INQUIRY CAUSED PANIC ON PART OF FATHER, ANTOINE, AS CHILD CHRISTINA DEPARTED BEIRUT WITH MOTHER MAJORIE IN NOV., 1975. FATHER IS FINE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION.

34. GIBNEY, SEEN FREQUENTLY BY CONSUL, MOST RECENTLY AT EMBASSY TWO DAYS AGO. FINE, ATTENDING CLASSES AUB.

EMBASSY REVIEWS LIST OF UNANSWERED INQUIRIES ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS IN ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THEM. BIGGEST OBSTACLE REMAINS ALMOST TOTAL BREAKDOWN OF TELEPHONE SERVICE OUTSIDE IMMEDIATE BEIRUT AREA. ALTHOUGH CONDITION OF TELEPHONE SERVICE MAY WELL IMPROVE RAPIDLY WITH RESTORATION SECURITY, DEPT MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO PASS ABOVE INFORMATION ON TO INQUIRERS WHO CALL CONCERNING AMCIT RELATIVES LIVING OUTSIDE BEIRUT PROPER.

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